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## **Code Enforcement seeks 51 volunteers**

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.** – The City of Riverside Code Enforcement Division is looking for 51 volunteers to help enforce the municipal code.

"We're looking for the best and most enthusiastic volunteers who will assist a fast-paced, dynamic and progressive Code Enforcement Division," said Scott Barber, Community Development Department director. "This is an important emerging field and we urge citizens to take advantage of this opportunity to become part of something new."

The volunteers will support field operations in a number of ways: removing illegal signs; citing vendor violations; issuing parking notices; and conducting field inspections. In the offices, they will be researching, distributing information and become part of the community outreach program.

All volunteers will undergo classroom instruction and 16 hours training in the field with the field training code officer. The position is non-paid and volunteers are required to contribute at least 16 hours a month.

"This is good for the city and good for the volunteers," Barber continued. "Some are looking for a career in code enforcement and this is a good way to start. Others just want to help their city. We have many different people who want to make a difference. We're all going to learn from each other."

Volunteers must undergo a thorough background investigation, which may include checking employment, criminal and Department of Motor Vehicles records, as well as personal references.

For more information, call the Code Enforcement Division at (951) 826-5633.